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SUBJECT: SAHARA: GOA STATEMENT

1. ALGERIAN COUNCIL OF REVOLUTION AND COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
ISSUED COMMUNIQUE ON SAHARA SITUATION FOLLOWING MEETING
LATE FEB 11. FOLLOWING TWO POINTS SIGNIFICANT:

A. EFFORTS OF NUMEROUS ARABS, OF ARAB LEAGUE, AND OF
OAU FAILED TO ELIMINATE CAUSES OF CRISIS AND EVEN TO
DEFINE APPROACH CAPABLE OF ACHIEVING FORMULA FOR SOLUTION.

B. AS SOON AS "OBJECTIVE CONDITIONS" PERMIT, "ALGERIA
REMAINS READY TO EXAMINE ALL POSSIBILITIES FOR JUST AND
DURABLE SOLUTION TO DANGEROUS SITUATION CREATED IN SAHARA"
BY MOROCCAN-MAURITANIAN MILITARY OCCUPATION. ALGERIA WILL
GIVE UNSYG ALL FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE IN PRESERVING
CHANCES FOR PEACE.

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2. FOLLOWING MORE RHETORICAL POINTS IN COMMUNIQUE ALSO
WORTH MENTIONING:

A. "ARAB NATION TODAY UNDERGOING ONE OF MOST DECISIVE
TESTS IN ITS HISTORY AND ANY ERROR OF JUDGMENT ON ITS
PART COULD BE FATAL."

B. MOROCCO HAS EXCHANGED PRINCIPLE OF DECOLONIZING
SEBTA AND MELILLA FOR MADRID'S COMPLICITY IN RECOLONIZING
TERRITORY WHOSE PEOPLE BEING DENIED RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION.

C. LIBYA HAS CONDUCTED ITSELF NOBLY AND IS INVOLVED,
JUST AS IT WAS DURING 1971 PETROLEUM CRISIS.

D. ALGERIA WILL NOT ACCEPT FAIT ACCOMPLI AND
REMAINS FAITHFUL TO PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION.

3. COMMENT: COMMUNIQUE STRIKES USUAL SOLEMN NOTE BUT
STOPS WELL SHORT OF COMMITTING GOA TO ANYTHING RASH
AND GIVES NO REAL CLUE AS TO REGIME'S INTENTIONS VIS-A-
VIS SAHARA. MEDIATION ATTEMPTS SEEM TO HAVE BEEN WRITTEN
OFF, AND "OBJECTIVE" CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO ALGERIA'S
WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER POSSIBILITIES FOR JUST AND
DURABLE SOLUTION PRESUMABLY INCLUDE WITHDRAWAL OF
MOROCCAN-MAURITANIAN FORCES FROM SAHARA. COMMUNIQUE'S
MAIN PURPOSE SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN TO GIVE SOME APPEARANCE
OF ALGERIAN REASONABLENESS EVEN AS MEDIATION EFFORTS
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